

Committee Members:

**Subject:** SB 1350

I am a life time Michigander and live in Monroe County currently. While I am not a hunter myself, I am not anti-hunting and enjoy the consumption of wild game. I have a minor in Conservation from Central Michigan University.

Please vote NO on SB1350!

Wolves are not food! My tax dollars have been used to re-introduce them in the National Forest and public lands and I am not in favor of a hunting season for the indiscriminate killing of them.

Federal grants are available to assist landowners with non-lethal control of wolves.

It is sufficient that livestock and pet owners are allowed to kill wolves in the act of attacking.

Livestock producers are compensated for losses that have been proven to be the result of wolf predation.

The complex pack structure of wolves is integral to their existence and the killing of the alpha's can destroy the pack. The average hunter does not have the knowledge to determine a wolf from a dog let alone which wolves are the alpha male and female.

Studies have shown wolves are the most valuable animal to a healthy eco-system that includes both plants and animals. See the National Geographic article on the Yellowstone wolf studies for reference.

I believe that there is a small group of people who want to make money off of hunting wolves and that is a terrible reason for enacting a hunting season. Just because Minnesota and Wisconsin enacted seasons, does not mean that Michigan should.

Michigan should consider the money that could be made from the eco-tourism and educational experiences that our wolves can provide.

I am for managing wolves if a high density of wolves in an area, rather than individual wolf predation, was determined to present problems that non-lethal methods could not control. Such a situation has not occurred in Michigan, however.

The value that I place on wolves is so high that the penalty for illegally killing one should be higher than any other wild species in Michigan.

Rushing into placing a hunting season on wolves is just wrong at this time! Please vote NO on SB1350.

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